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SUBJECT: V-T Fuses.

TO: The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Reference is made to War Department radio number 89354 dated 9 January 1945 and subsequent radios from G-2 SHAEF relative to the above subject matter.

2. The War Department and the Office of Scientific Research and Development are anxious that complete and detailed information on the following general topics be obtained:

- a. Enemy reaction to our V-T fuse.
- b. Enemy knowledge of the fuse.
- c. Enemy's capabilities and plans for developing and using our V-T fuse or similar fuse.
- d. Enemy's capabilities and plans regarding the development and use of countermeasures against our V-T fuse.

3. In view of the scientific aspects of the above question, the War Department and the Office of Scientific Research and Development have instructed the ALSOS Mission to make a field investigation of the subject primarily for the War Department but coordinating the results of its investigation with any similar investigations being conducted by the Theater technical or other agencies. A copy of the directive to ALSOS on this matter is attached for your information.

4. Dr. H. G. Salant, representing the Office of Scientific Research and Development and the War Department will depart in the near future for the European Theater to be attached to the ALSOS Mission to function as the chief scientific coordinator for the War Department's field research on this subject.

5. It is requested that all theater agencies concerned with this project cooperate and coordinate with the ALSOS Mission and that a complete interchange of information on this subject matter be effected. The ALSOS Mission has been instructed to furnish you and any theater agency you designate all information it receives on the subject, and to give you copies of all reports on the subject it renders to the War Department.

6. For your guidance in pursuing this project insofar as the War Department is concerned, there is attached lists of the topics representing the War Department's needs in this connection. These topics are divided into three different categories:

a. Information which may be obtained from captured equipment, documents, or material.

b. Information obtained from investigation of  
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Prisoners of War. (It will be noted that these questions are divided into three different groups. For security reasons questions under category number one must not be directed to prisoners in categories numbers two and three as such procedure could give valuable information to the person being interrogated.)

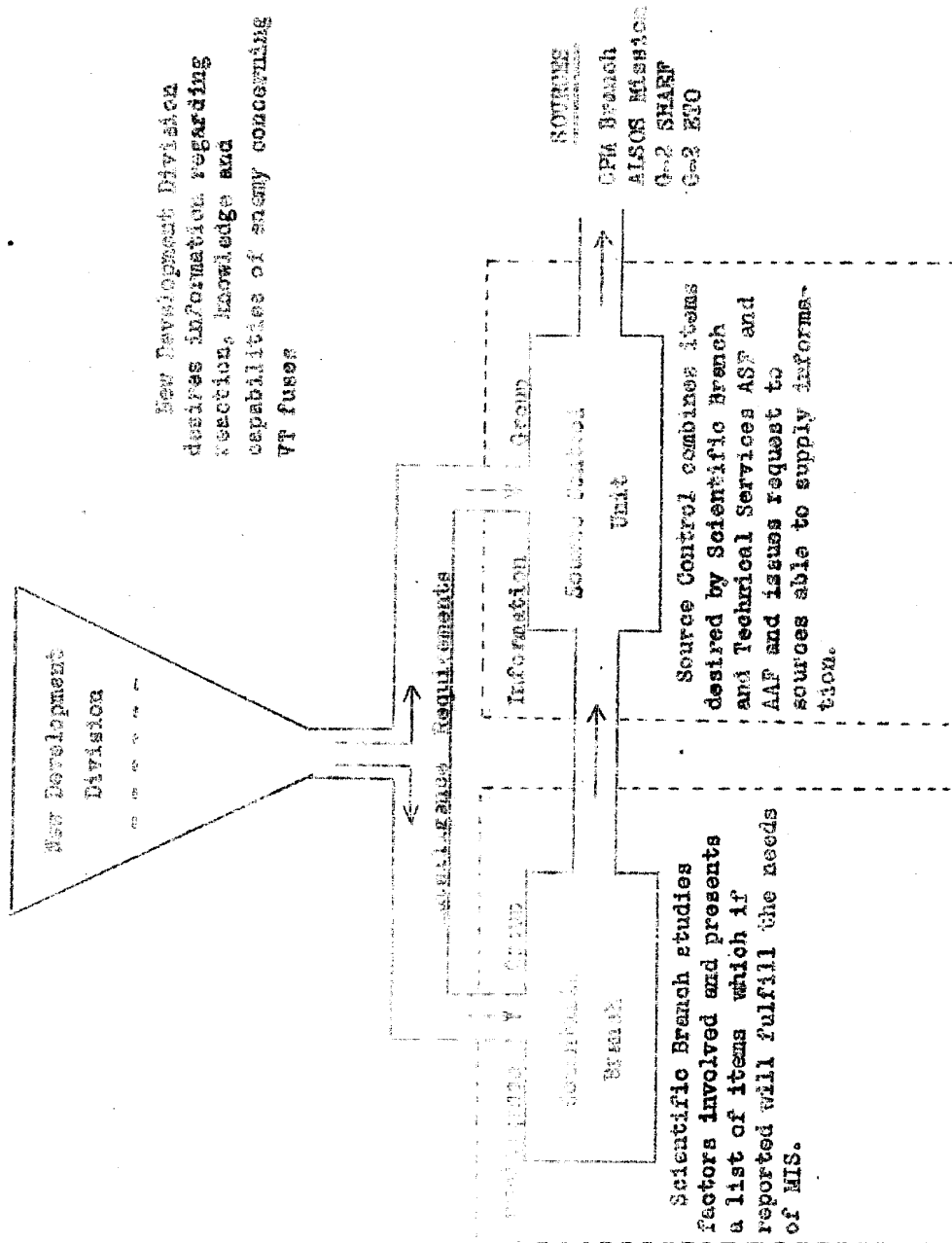
c. Information desired from within enemy territory.

7. It is requested that whenever you send any reports on this subject to the War Department that you also furnish a copy to the ALSOS Mission.

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